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### Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board

#### ***White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes***

The White Mountain Apache Tribe Regional Partnership Council held a Regular Council Meeting open to the public, on Monday, April 8, 2013 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at ABC Day Care, 422 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941.

##### **Welcome/Introduction/Call to Order**

Chair Endfield welcomed everyone and asked them to introduce themselves, including guests and members of the public. Regional Council Members in Attendance were Chair Laurel Endfield, Vice Chair Dawnafe Whitesinger, Ranelda Hastings, Jandi Hernandez, Velma Kaytoggy, Michael Gaffney, Nikina Whitaker, and Shine Burnette. Absent was Kathy Wynn.

Others in attendance were Regional Director Krista Beazley, Sr. Regional Director Virginia Turner, Kat Bunker, FTF CEO Rhian Evans Allvin, Karen Peifer, Beverly Russell, Mary Tyler, Robin House, Leola Q. Larzerle, Paula Hoyt, Pam Flake, Jeff Fuller, Claude Endfield.

##### **Discussion and Possible Approval of February 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Endfield asked for approval of the past meeting minutes at this time in order to give the person with the call to the public more time to arrive. Member Whitesinger moved to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. Member Whitaker seconded, motion passed.

At this time Chair Endfield moved back to agenda item number 2.

##### **Call to the Public**

One call to the public was received from Claude Endfield, Early Education Faculty coordinator from Northland Pioneer College. Ms. Endfield shared with the Council two books that she was given on a trip to Hawaii. The books are native language on one side and English on the other and were produced by a local Early Childhood organization using pictures of local children. She told the Council she wanted to share these books with them because of their interest in Native Language.

##### **Disclosure of Conflicts**

One conflict of interest was disclosed by Jandi Hernandez for Agenda Item # 7 because she works for Head Start.

##### **First Things First CEO Update Presentation and Possible Discussion**

Chair Endfield then recognized First Things First CEO Rhian Evans Allvin to present her report to the Council. CEO Allvin started by recognizing Member Whitaker for one year of service with a pin and certificate. Mrs. Allvin began her report with an update on the recommendations of the task force for Research and Evaluation. She said there were about 15 recommendations but she wanted highlight for the Council a couple of them. One was to build a data base to track what FTF funds through strategies and to get a picture over time of how programs are working. Another was to work with the tribes to include them in the data set. Other things that FTF is working on include building Public/Private Partnerships, developing a Kindergarten developmental inventory, and some proposed changes to Quality First. CEO Allvin said that there are upcoming surveys and webinars to detail these changes and get Council input. She encouraged Council members to participate.

Following the report Chair Endfield thanked her for her report and told the Council about the tour of the Day Care Center, it was well received by all.

There was some discussion with CEO Allvin, regarding tribal input and how other tribal communities are entering the discussions to make sure that the data collected is complete.

##### **Update and Discussion of Oral Health Strategy and Presentation on Tele-Dentistry**

Regional Director Beazley provided the Council with an update regarding her discussions at the Council's request with parties who might be interested in collaborating to provide more dental and oral health service in the Region. She said that there is a meeting that will be scheduled with all of the parties invited to further discuss how service can be provided in the Region. She then introduced Mary Tyler, Assistant Health Director, Navajo County Public Health, who gave a power-point presentation and update on

the Tele-Dentistry project that NCPH is working on through the Navajo/Apache RPC Oral Health Strategy. She had slides of the Tele-Dentistry demonstration event that took place on April 4, 2013 in Taylor, Arizona. She said that the demonstration was very well attended and very successful.

#### **Presentation and Discussion of Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy**

Regional Director Beazley provided a recap of the process the Council has taken to develop this strategy. The Council determined that a Government to Government Agreement with an administrative home would be the funding mechanism for the strategy. The Agreement Proposal request was issued and one proposal was received from the White Mountain Apache Head Start Program. Regional Director Beazley presented the Council with the proposal and after discussion Member Burnette moved to accept the proposal for the Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy as outlined in the document presented by White Mountain Apache Head Start. Member Whitesinger seconded, motion passed with Member Hernandez abstaining.

#### **Report on March 4, 2013 First Things First Board Roundtable Meeting**

Chair Endfield asked the Members who attended the Roundtable Meeting to give a report. Member Whitaker told the Members some of the things she included as successes were that Regional Director Beazley is very active in getting out into the community and also about her radio programs; she also mentioned that the Council has positive networking because of their diverse backgrounds. Some of the challenges she mentioned were transportation to services, which other Councils in the Northeast Region also share, and only 1 Quality First day care in the community. Member Gaffney said that it was nice to be able to see White Mountain Apache Regional Partnership Council as part of a larger community and being able to hear the successes and challenges of other Councils. Chair Endfield thanked both of them for attending the Roundtable.

#### **Presentation and Discussion of SFY 2013 Quarter 2 Data and Narrative Report**

Regional Director Beazley presented the SFY2013 Quarter 2 Narrative report to the Council. She highlighted the reports from Reach Out and Read and also Oral Health. She also discussed the Data Reports which show how the programs are doing in reaching their targeted service numbers. She pointed out that Oral Health has already over exceeded the contract numbers for adults served. Regional Director Beazley said that White Mountain Head Start has now applied for Quality First and will be able to access some of those programs.

#### **Regional Director Report**

##### **Monthly Report**

Regional Director Beazley provided the Council with the monthly report of her activities and meetings. She called attention to the Infant Class Presentation; she is collaborating with Indian Health Service to do ongoing presentations at these classes. She also presented to the San Carlos RPC and has invited the Regional Director to present at the next meeting. This will present an opportunity for cross regional ideas and possibly strategies.

##### **Financial Reports**

Regional Director Beazley went over the contract budget summary with the Council. She said that most of the strategies are on track with a few that should have the expenses submitted soon to bring them more on track.

#### **Discussion Discretionary Funding—Ad Hoc Committee**

Regional Director Beazley told the Council that any changes to discretionary funding that might be adopted would not be effective until the beginning of SFY2016. She said that the State Board is forming an Ad-Hoc committee to discuss changes and that any members interested in being on the committee should contact her by end of day on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. There will probably be two to three conference call meetings between July and October so the recommendations can go to the Board in December.

#### **General Discussion/Council Member Updates**

Chair Endfield asked if any members had any updates to report. She made the comment that she was sad to see that the children's waiting area that Reach Out and Read put in the dental health area of Indian Health Service was no longer there. Pam Flake from Reach Out and Read said she would look into it. Member Hernandez told the Council that she had met Mr. Seth Pilsk who is working with San Carlos RPC and felt his workshops might be valuable in the White Mountain Apache Region.

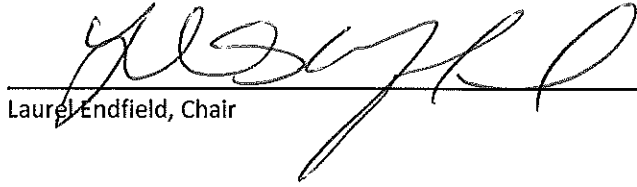
#### **Next Meeting May 6, 2013 at 3:00pm ABC Day Care center, 422 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Whiteriver, Arizona 85941**

Regional Director Beazley asked that all members try to attend so that quorum will be maintained for the approval of the grant renewals that will be on the agenda.

**Adjourn**

Chair Endfield adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:07 p.m.

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Laurel Endfield, Chair

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Krista Beazley, Regional Director